

**SB0553**



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

**SB0553**

Introduced 1/24/2017, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

720 ILCS 5/1-2

from Ch. 38, par. 1-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the general purposes of the Code.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing  
5 Section 1-2 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/1-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 1-2)

7 Sec. 1-2. General purposes. The ~~The~~ provisions of this Code  
8 shall be construed in accordance with the general purposes  
9 hereof, to:

10 (a) Forbid and prevent the commission of offenses;

11 (b) Define adequately the act and mental state which  
12 constitute each offense, and limit the condemnation of conduct  
13 as criminal when it is without fault;

14 (c) Prescribe penalties which are proportionate to the  
15 seriousness of offenses and which permit recognition of  
16 differences in rehabilitation possibilities among individual  
17 offenders;

18 (d) Prevent arbitrary or oppressive treatment of persons  
19 accused or convicted of offenses.

20 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 1983.)